

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 01680 271538Z

61

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

ACDA-05 TRSE-00 SAJ-01 IO-10 AF-06 /079 W

----- 006886

R 271306Z MAR 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 851

ALL NATO CAPITALS 5178

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 1680

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NO, PO, NATO

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE TO PORTUGAL

REF: OSLO 1254

NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTES
USED

BY THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DURING HIS MARCH 26 CONVERSATION
WITH THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN OSLO (REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MET IN HELSINKI ON MARCH 21-22,
1975 , AT THEIR REGULAR SPRING SESSION. A PRESS COMMUNIQUE FROM
THAT MEETING HAS BEEN ISSUED. A COPY IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR
INFORMATION.

2. AS YOU WILL SEE, THE MINISTERS STATED THE FOLLOWING ABOUT
PORTUGAL:

"THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE CONSISTENT
EFFORTS OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO SECURE A RAPID AND
PEACEFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE
FOR THE POPULATION IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. THE
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 01680 271538Z

MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THOSE STRIVING TOWARDS
DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN PORTUGAL."

3. I HAVE WISHED TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE

COMMUNIQUE ON THIS POINT AND ABOUT THE DISCUSSION WE HAD IN HELSINKI. THIS DISCUSSION FULLY REVEALS THE GREAT INTEREST WHICH WE ATTACH TO DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES AND IN PARTICULAR OUR EXPRESSED SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC RULE IN YOUR COUNTRY.

4. AS FAR AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE CONCERNED, YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION HAVE FOLLOWED DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL SINCE APRIL 25, 1974, WITH THE LIVELIEST INTEREST AND A POSITIVE DESIRE TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC RULE. FOR THIS REASON THE QUESTION OF CLOSER NORWEGIAN-PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS RAISED DURING THE VISIT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MR. KLEPPE, TO PORTUGAL IN JULY, 1974. THIS HAS LED, INTER ALIA, TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN OSLO IN FEBRUARY, 1975. WE HOPE THAT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION WILL LEAD TO INCREASED TRADE AND COOPERATION. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN THE DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL WAS ALSO MANIFESTED BY THE VISIT WHICH I MYSELF HAD THE PLEASURE TO PAY TO PORTUGAL IN OCTOBER, 1974.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION WELL UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IN DOMESTIC POLITICS IN PORTUGAL HAS NOT BEEN FREE OF PROBLEMS. WE WERE, THEREFORE, ENCOURAGED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FOLDING OF ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ON A FIXED DATE NEXT MONTH AND LATER FOR A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT AND TO STRESS ITS FIRM SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC RULE IN PORTUGAL AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT FREE ELECTIONS BE HELD AT THE DATE ANNOUNCED.

END TEXTBRUCE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 18 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NATO01680
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750398/abbrzizu.tel
Line Count: 88
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: OSLO 1254
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 APR 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <29 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE TO PORTUGAL
TAGS: PFOR, NO, PO, NATO
To: STATE
ALL NATO CAPITALS
DUBLIN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006